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SUBJ: ELIMINATION OF ODRI

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. I HAVE YOUR MARCH 6 LETTER SUPPORTING MERGER OF ODRI AND DAO IN NEW DELHI. AM I CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT OUR REVISED ARMS POLICY DOES NOT ALTER YOUR POSITION? I GATHER FROM PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMED SALES WAS CONSIDERED IN FORMULATING EMBASSY POSITION.

2. OPERATIONALLY STAGE NOW SET FOR YOU TO SEND IN TELEGRAM OFFICIALLY RECOMMENDING MERGER OF TWO OFFICES. SINCE WE CAN EXPECT SOME RESISTANCE IN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, IT WILL BE USEFUL TO HAVE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON RECORD. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THIS, I WILL PUSH AHEAD SO THAT WE CAN EFFECT CHANGE AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.

3. I PERSONALLY STRONGLY FAVOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. ROGERS

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